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Dear Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health & Human Services,

Dear Ms. Sibelius,

I'm delighted to read that the Department will require insurers to cover birth control, with no co-pay, as part of standard health insurance. This is a huge and long-overdue step toward making women's health as much a priority as the health of men.

I do urge you, however, to remove the so-called conscience exemption enabling Catholic employers and affiliated insurers to opt out of the requirement. We don't permit Christian Scientists, who oppose all medical intervention, to determine national health care policy, nor should we permit the Catholic Church, which opposes birth control, to determine what sort of options are available to women.

Again, thank you for the new regulations.

Sincerely,

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